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10/748,120	12/30/2003	Scott G. Tromanhauser	4002-3465

CONFIRMATION NO. 1737

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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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07/20/2004 AMONDAF1 00000020 10748120 **NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

01 FC:1001 770.00 OP  
 02 FC:1051 130.00 OP  
 03 FC:1202 306.00 OP

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted***Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of \$306 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$1206** for a Large Entity

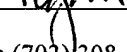
- \$770 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$306**

- \$306 for 17 total claims over 20.

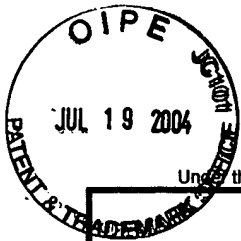
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<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b>  (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/748,120
	Filing Date	December 30, 2003
	First Named Inventor	Scott G. Tromanhauser
	Art Unit	3739
	Examiner Name	Unassigned
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	Attorney Docket Number	4002-3465

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<b>SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT</b>		
Firm or individual name	Charles P. Schmal, Reg. No. 45,082	
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Date	July 14, 2004	

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL FOR FY 2004

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## Complete if Known

Application Number	10748,120
Filing Date	December 30, 2003
Firm Named Inventor	Scott G. Tromanhauser
Group Art Unit	3739
Examiner Name	Unassigned
Attorney Docket Number	4002-3465

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.17.

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### FEE CALCULATION

#### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	770	2001	385	Utility Filing Fee	770.00
1002	340	2002	170	Design Filing Fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant Filing Fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue Filing Fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional Filing Fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$) <b>770.00</b>

#### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee From Below	Fee Paid
37	-20** = 17	X 18.00 =	306.00
Independent Claims	2	-3** = 0	X 86.00 = 0.00
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)**306.00**

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### FEE CALCULATION (continued)

#### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES


Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge – late filing fee or oath	130.00
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner's Action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner's Action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive – unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other Fee (specify)

\* Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)**130.00**

#### SUBMITTED BY

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**SUBMISSION OF MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application received for the above application, Applicant submits herewith the statutory basic filing fee and late oath or declaration surcharge in the amount of \$1206.00 reflecting the large entity surcharge under 37 CFR §1.16(e) for submitting the filing fee later than the filing date and additional claims fees.

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Respectfully Submitted

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